

## Therapeutic Parent Qualifications

1. High School diploma or GED
2. Home or Apartment with a separate bedroom
3. Sustainable income not dependent on therapeutic foster care payments.  
(unemployment does not count as income-your income must cover expenses)
4. Clean criminal background and good driving record-plan to disclose information even if there are dismissed charges in your background. This includes all individuals living in the home 18 years old or older.
5. Has not a charge of abuse or neglect
6. Has the flexibility at work to get a child to appointments, go to school meetings, and manage supervision if the child gets suspended from school.
7. Has the ability to provide supervision when the child is not in school or in structured activities.
8. Therapeutic foster parents are not able to provide daycare or regularly scheduled babysitting services, even for a relatives such as grandchildren (daily care, care 3x per week would disqualify; periodic babysitting may be allowable but this would have to be established by the licensing authority.
9. Must be prepared to show marriage certificates, and/or divorce decrees, and/or death certificates.
10. If you have pets, they must be able to socialize with children and have documentation of current rabies vaccinations.
11. Must be able to pass a fire inspection done by a local fire marshall , which includes having smoke detectors and a specific fire extinguisher
12. Must be physically able to lift and or handle the weight of a child.
13. Must be able to administer and document medications.
14. Must document all individuals residing in the home.
15. The desire to help the children in need of a loving, nurturing environment.
16. If married, both individuals must receive training.